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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE-24: Probable Developments in East Germany through 1955

BACKGROUND

1. NIE-24 was on the regularly scheduled program of estimates for the fourth quarter of 1953 and was carried over. It is the successor to NIE-50 on the same subject published 12 February 1952. Barring a special requirement in the future, it is intended to drop this subject from the regular NIE series on the ground that it can be adequately treated within the scope of papers on the Satellites or on Soviet intentions in Germany.

DISCUSSION

2. There are no major unresolved issues in connection with this paper. The following points may be raised, however:

a. General Porter will probably wish to insert in paras. 1 and 7 a footnote similar to one which he has appended to other papers touching on Soviet policy in Germany. The JIC representative at the final meeting of agency representatives had no precise formulation, but thought that a statement somewhat as follows might be offered: "The possibility of a radical shift in Soviet policy resulting in withdrawal of Soviet forces from East Germany should not be overlooked".

b. Paragraph 25 was not available in its final form at the last meeting of agency representatives. Its substance was discussed, however, and it is not expected that any objection will be raised to the final formulation.

c. CMI's objection to the use of the expression German Democratic Republic (paras. 3 and 8) to describe the East German regime is based on the argument that the regime is neither "democratic" nor a "republic"

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and ought not to be so described by us. The Board took the position that the expression is an official designation and must be used in certain contexts in the paper.

4. CIA may wish to remove the word "almost" from the first line of paragraph 12. The Board and the other agencies wished to leave room for possible limitation on our knowledge of resistance activities in East Germany.

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